

Attorney Docket No. B0048-LS02

IN THE UNITED STATES
PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of **UNGER, et al**)
Serial No.: **09/978,428**) Examiner: **Kim, S. U.**
Filed: **10/15/2001**) Group Art Unit: **1723**
For: **Method for Separating Cells, Especially**)
Platelets, and Bag Assembly Therefor)
Customer No.: 24994)

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir,

In response to the Official Action mailed October 23, 2002 (Paper No. 5), please cancel and amend the claims as follows:

Claim Cancellations

Please cancel claims 2, 12-20 without prejudice to the subject matter thereof.

Claim Amendments

Please amend the claims to read as follows (note: a marked-up version showing the changes made is attached hereto):

1. (Amended) A method of separating cells in a centrifuge comprising:
providing a cell suspension in a processing bag;